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(57) Abstract: Methods and kits for diagnosing and prognosticating cancer via detection of *EEF1A2* and/or *EEF1A2* are provided. Also provided are methods for treating cancer via inhibition of expression and/or activity of *EEF1A2* and screening assays to identify new anticancer agents based upon their ability to inhibit *EEF1A2* expression and/or activity. The methods and kits of the present invention are particularly useful in the prognosis, diagnosis and treatment of ovarian, breast and colorectal cancer.

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